

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety function is composed of the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services, Communications Center, and Other Public Safety activities (Lake Norman Marine Commission, Pre-Trial Services, Repay Mediation and Restitution, and National Guard). The Sheriff's Department includes the following activities: Administration, CVCC Officer, Resource Officers, Crime Prevention, Narcotics, Detectives, Lake Norman Water Patrol, Newton Jail, Prisoner Food Service, and the District Confinement Facility. Emergency Services consists of Administration, Emergency Management, Veterans' Services, Emergency Medical Services, Specialty Services, Fire Marshal, Fire Fighting Alarms, Animal Control, and the Animal Shelter. The Emergency Services division is also responsible for Rescue Squads and Volunteer Fire Departments. The E-911 Communications Center provides emergency and administrative communications for the citizens of Catawba County by placing them in touch with public safety and related government services agencies.

The Public Safety function budget is \$19,627,812 representing 8.5% of all expenditures for the fiscal year. The departments work to provide a safe, secure community and to provide emergency and convalescent medical transportation to medical care facilities. The services provided are both salary and equipment intensive and increased costs generally reflect equipment replacements.

